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1. MISSION OFFICER MET MARCH 30 WITH EC COMMISSION
FISHERY OFFICIAL MARCUSSEN TO PASS ON POINTS ON SCIENTIFIC
COOPERATION ON SHRIMP TAGGING CONTAINED PARA 5 REF A.
MARCUSSEN SAID THAT HE WOULD INFORM FRENCH OF U.S. PROPOSAL
FOR SCIENTIFIC MEETING IN MID-JUNE.

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2. REFLECTING TONE OF FRENCH PERMREP OFFICIAL LOTT'S
REMARKS (REF B), MARCUSSEN SAID THAT COMMUNITY'S BASIC
OBJECTIVE IS TO KEEP CAYENNE SHRIMP PROCESSING INDUSTRY IN
FULL OPERATION. HE SAID THAT, IN ALLOWING ACCESS TO FRENCH
GUIANA SHRIMP FISHERY UNTIL NOW, COMMUNITY HAS ENFORCED
ONLY ONE ELEMENT OF DISCRIMINATION, ACCORDING PREFERENCE
TO VESSELS LANDING THEIR CATCHES IN CAYENNE. HE INDICATED

THAT, IF BRAZIL WERE TO RESTRICT ACCESS TO ITS WATERS, EC MIGHT HAVE TO INTRODUCE A SECOND ELEMENT OF DISCRIMINATION, BY ALLOWING ACCESS ONLY TO VESSELS OF THOSE COUNTRIES PROVIDING RECIPROCITY TO COMMUNITY FISHING INTERESTS. THIS, HE SAID, WOULD EXCLUDE JAPAN, KOREA, AND POSSIBLY OTHER STATES, AND WOULD BE TO THE BENEFIT OF U.S. SHRIMPING INDUSTRY. DRAWING ON GUIDANCE PARA 3 REF B, MISSION OFFICER COMMENTED THAT SUCH A MOVE BY THE EC WOULD RUN THE RISK OF SIMILAR ACTIONS BY NEIGHBORING STATES AND CONTRIBUTE TO FRAGMENTATION AND UNDERUTILIZATION OF SHRIMP RESOURCES COMMON TO THE AREA. MARCUSSEN SIMPLY TOOK NOTE OF U.S. VIEW ON THIS POINT.

3. WE HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO DISCUSS SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION PROPOSAL WITH FRENCH MISSION, DUE TO LOTT'S ABSENCE ON VACATION. DEPARTMENT MAY, IN THE MEANTIME, WISH TO PROVIDE INSTRUCTIONS FOR EMBASSY PARIS IN THIS REGARD.
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